



THE WEBSITE TEAM works to spread the Good News of God's word through publishing original content for the members of Grace as well as a wider, global audience. In conjunction with Grace Life and social media outlets such as Facebook and email, the website helps deliver a consistent message.

We...

- Post spiritually meaningful content
- Promote church activities
- Provide links to audio recordings and video tapes of Sunday sermons
- Provide information about the location, structure, and mission of Grace Church

We meet on the first Wednesday of every other month at 4 pm in the Parish Hall.

For more details, contact Donna Olendorf, dolendor@gmail.com, 586-781-3260.

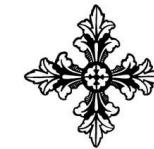


Dear Friends,

The Stewardship Ministry Team is pleased to give you this guide to the ministries of Grace. As you have seen, ***Grace Happens Here*** because of the generous sharing of time and talent by so many of our friends and members. We are pleased that we have 60+ ways for you to serve Grace and the community.

We invite you to pray and reflect on where God is calling you to use your gifts in service to the Kingdom. Please feel free to make use of the names and contact information to learn more about each of the ministries in this booklet. You can find your place at Grace.

Yours in Christ,
The Stewardship Ministry



Grace Happens Here

A Guide to Our Ministries

Dear People of Grace,

My prayers are often in images; I see Jesus in my mind's eye, or I try to see as he saw. When I pray this way about Grace Church, I see fields of golden wheat under an autumn sun tousled by the wind.

"The harvest is plentiful," Jesus told the disciples, "but the workers are few. Pray to the Lord of the Harvest that he may send workers for the harvest." (*Luke 10:2*)

Well, the Lord has sent you, and the fields are golden ripe. In this time of discernment and stewardship, I ask you to run your hands along the wheat tops and pray. "Where, Lord of the Harvest, do you want me to serve here?"

There are moments of decision in life that come to define us, and this is one.

Will you join us here at the harvest?

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WELCOME

Hospitality



Serving Grace by supporting our staff, Erika and Ann.

FRONT DESK VOLUNTEERS are the smiling faces (or voices) of welcome to all who enter the office, or contact us by phone, and assist the staff with clerical tasks.

Front Desk volunteer tasks include...

- Support Ann Hackett and Erika Shenk-Tessin in any way helpful to them
- Answer phones, take food pantry requests
- Proofread, fold, and collate Grace Life and service bulletins
- Prepare mailings, Vestry packets, and write thank you notes

Volunteers serve once a week—either from 9 to 12 or 1 to 4. Some volunteers work seasonally or intermittently. We encourage and appreciate any amount of help! For more details, contact Irene Cotter, ireenc46@gmail.com, 231-932-1522.

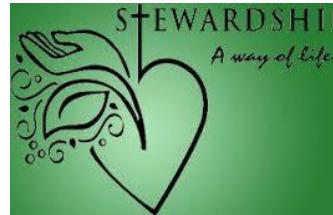


SPECIAL EVENTS is an umbrella of many events, and, with an army of angels, hosted 97 events last year.

- The Welcome Hour
- Funeral Luncheons

- Rector's Luncheons
- Special Coffee Hours
- Shrove Tuesday Dinner and Mardi Gras
- Lenten Soup Suppers
- Maundy Thursday Dinner
- Parish-Wide Easter Breakfast
- All Saints' Day High Tea
- Christmas Eve Hot Cider and Cookies

We have fun making new friends and renewing old acquaintances. Please join us! Call Maxcella Latimer, 947-6376, for more details.



THE STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY'S GOAL is to help our church family to grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them.

We believe that stewardship is a way of life that is grounded in gratitude, revealed in prayer, and lived in faith.

We coordinate and carry out the...

- Celebration of World Gratitude Day
- Grace Ministry Fair
- Annual giving campaign

We meet on the fourth Tuesday, January through November at 6:30 pm in the Rector's office.

Interested in learning more? Contact Barbara Klugh, litlrvr@chartermi.net, 231-933-9708.



THE VESTRY provides lay leadership by overseeing property management, financial accounts, and some human resource responsibilities. Members apply their baptismal vows in carrying out the mission and ministry of the congregation.

We...

- Create and approve the annual budget
- Create a vision for the future and strategies to make it real
- Model desired values and goals
- Support clergy in their spiritual mission

The Vestry meets the on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the Parish Hall.

For more information contact Donna Olendorf, dolendorf@gmail.com, 586-781-3260.



MEMBERSHIP RECORD KEEPERS help to maintain contact with parishioners by entering data in our database. By recording household and individual church background data, the work of this ministry creates an historical record of the life of Grace Church.

Record Keepers...

- Record and update household data
- Periodically review historical records for membership information
- Use Shepherd's Staff software at church (training provided)

This work is coordinated with the office calendar and your personal schedule. There are no meetings to attend.

For more details, contact Ann Hackett, ahackett@gracetc.org, 231-947-2330.



THE MEMORIAL FUND

REPRESENTATIVE coordinates and acknowledge the receipt of memorial contributions.

Duties include...

- Track and acknowledge donations to the fund on behalf of the Church
- When donations are given in memory of a loved one, present a list to the family of the deceased so they can send their own acknowledgments
- Use of email communication; use of Microsoft Excel spreadsheet helpful

This is a ministry that can be done in one's home; there are no meetings to attend.

For more information, contact Ann Hackett, ahackett@gracetc.org, 231-947-2330, or Ann Nichols, annnichols@charter.net, 231-256-9542.



THE ST. FIACRE'S GARDEN GUILD cares for and maintains the gardens at Grace, including the Garden of Remembrance and Reflection, Brown House, Food Pantry, Jubilee House, and parking lot border gardens.

Weekly work bees include...

- Seasonal care, such as mulching
- Ongoing plant care as required
- Caring and sharing as we work together

We gather on Tuesday morning or afternoon as seasonal weather permits. To learn more, contact: Barbara MacLaren, barbmaclaren12@gmail.com, 231-290-0723.



WELCOME HOUR HOSTS share God's grace by providing hospitality on Sundays after the 10 am service to newcomers and members alike.

Welcome Hour Hosts...

- Prepare/purchase snacks prior to the Sunday they are hosting
- Arrive at church early to set out snacks, coffee, and juice
- Refill and clear plates, pitchers, and coffee pots during Welcome Hour
- Wash dishes and clean up Parish Hall
- Frequently share hosting duties with another family

To sign up or to learn more, contact Elizabeth Blondia, ebondia@leelanau.org, 231-228-7681, or Eunice Taylor, emtsings@aol.com, 231-590-2294.

Friendship Groups



GRACE HIKERS enjoy God's beauty in its natural state.

The group...

- Hikes different trails in the five county area including the Sleeping Bear Dunes trails
- Enjoys the fellowship with friends and nature
- Gathers for lunch nearby after our hike

We hike on Saturdays during the spring, summer and fall months, weather permitting.

Everyone meets at Grace Church parking lot at 9 am to carpool to the trailhead. Hikers include all ages.

For additional information contact Nancy Templeton, ncotoole@aol.com or Maxcella Latimer, 231-947-6376.



THE MEN OF GRACE get together for fellowship, fun, mutual learning, and service.

We gather to...

- Serve Friday lunch once a month
- Pray Morning Prayer together

- Eat a great breakfast
- Get groceries to stock the food pantry

We meet twice a month, on the first Friday and first Saturday. On Friday, we serve lunch; on Saturday we pray Morning prayer, share breakfast, and get groceries for the pantry.

Please join us for friendship, fun and service.

For more details, contact Jamie Hackett, jahcedar@gmail.com, 231-947-2678 or Denny Meyers, cdmeyers5@chartermi.net, 231-590-5552.



THE GRACE CHURCH FOUNDATION

Board of Directors manages the funds donated to the Foundation, the earnings of which are distributed annually to the Vestry.

The Ministry of the Grace Church Foundation is to receive gifts that will perpetuate the ministry at Grace forever and to educate the congregation about different giving tools.

The elected Board of Directors meets quarterly at the church on the last Tuesday of the month commencing in January.

For more information, Contact Ann Hackett, ahackett@gracetc.org, 231-947-2330.



THE MEDIA TECHNICIAN enables worship and the sermons of Grace to be shared with the world via the Internet. He or she enables content to reach people through circulating written, audio, and video.

The Technician advances the Gospel through Grace Church. He or she...

- Digitally records sermons and other events
- Adds production values to enable posting to the web
- Posts and updates content to websites blogs, twitter, Facebook, etc.

Interested in assisting in or learning more about this ministry? For more information, contact Dave Eitland, deitland@gmail.com, 231-360-1774.



CONTRIBUTION RECORD KEEPERS

facilitate financial stewardship by posting giving to the church with prayer and discretion.

Duties and requirements:

- Count and sort various contributions to households and church accounts
- Process quarterly statements
- Deposit offerings
- Use two computer software programs: Shepherd's Staff and QuickBooks
- Exercise confidentiality and great attention to detail

Teams of two meet weekly on Mondays 9:30-11:30 am in the back office (volunteer time can be rotated with others).

For more information, contact Ann Hackett, ahackett@gracetc.org,
231-947-2330.



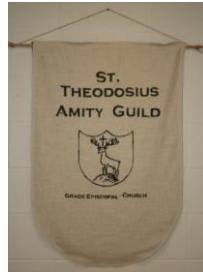
THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S MISSION is to help insure the finances of Grace Church are being used to maintain and enlarge the Kingdom of God.

Duties include...

- Review Grace's financial documents and statements to help provide clarity, oversight and recommendations to the Vestry
- Provide input to the annual operating budget process
- Provide input, observations and recommendations to the Vestry on various ongoing financial matters of Grace Church

The committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 am.

To learn more, contact Mark Stackable, markstackable@yahoo.com,
231-883-1566.

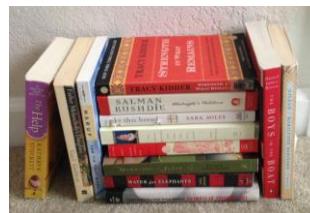


ST. THEO'S AMITY GUILD (S.T.A.G.) gathers the men of Grace and friends to get to know each other better and promote community within our church. We often enlist the gifts, talents, and life experiences of our own Grace family.

We gather for fellowship, Evening Prayer, a meal, and often hear a speaker of local interest. Please feel free to join us.

We meet at 6 pm on the second Monday of each month in the Parish Hall.

For more details, contact Denny Meyers, cdmeyers5@chartermi.net,
231-590-5552 or Bill Pierce, bill.pierce@charter.net, 231-409-9700.



THE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB is a welcoming group that allows women the opportunity of closer fellowship and friendship through the discussion of books that the group selects and reads September through June.

What we do:

- Read and discuss books monthly
- Books for reading are selected by group consensus
- Make monthly donations of toilet paper to support the Personal Hygiene Pantry

The group meets September to June on the second Monday of the month from 6 to 8 pm at the Jubilee House. Come and join us.

Contact Kate Wood for more details: Katew40@charter.net,
231-941-5785.

WORSHIP

Worship Participation



ACOLYTES assist our Priests and Lay Eucharistic Ministers during worship.

Acolytes...

- Range in age from 10 to 18-years-old
- Assist during the Eucharist
- Light the candles at the beginning of the services
- Carry the Crucifer in and out of worship
- Receive special training

For more information, contact Chris Johnson,
bncjohnson@chartermi.net, 231-276-5041.



THE HEALING MINISTRY offers the sacrament of healing in the Church.

The outward and visible sign of healing is the laying on of hands and anointing of oil. The inward grace is the healing of body, mind, and spirit. In the gospel of Saint Luke, Jesus called the twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.

Individuals may ask for prayers for themselves or their loved one.

The healing ministry takes place on the first two weekends of each month during Holy Communion at the Saturday 5 pm service and the Sunday 10 am service.

For more information, contact Marilyn Dressel, mj.dressel@charter.net, 231-929-2575.



THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

COMMITTEE is a newly formed ministry to help oversee, maintain, and preserve the beautiful buildings and grounds of the campus.

Tasks include...

- Oversee maintenance and upkeep of parish buildings and grounds
- Serve as a resource for ongoing and future construction projects
- Create maintenance schedules
- Seek bids and/or quotes for maintenance
- Take care of minor repairs

The group meets 3 to 4 times a year, or as needed, in the Parish Hall.

For more details, contact Mike Cotter, mondor007@gmail.com, 231-932-1522.



THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE communicates the mission and activities of the church through the website, the Sunday bulletin insert, and the weekly Gracevine email, as well as through signage and traditional mail.

We...

- Review communication tactics and strategies
- Provide original content with a wider reach via the website
- Maintain a Telephone Tree for those who do not have online access

The committee meets every other month on the first Wednesday at 4 pm.

To learn more, contact Erika Shenk-Tessin, eshenk@gracetc.org, 231-947-2330 or Donna Olendorf, dolendor@gmail.com, 586-781-3260.



SAFE HARBOR is a ministry to the homeless that assists with overnight shelter and meals.

Grace Church participates as one of the rotating host churches in the Grand Traverse area, providing safe and warm overnight shelter, as well as evening and morning meals. Grace hosts Safe Harbor for one or two weeks. You can help!

Volunteers...

- Donate the food for meals and snacks
- Set up/take down Safe Harbor equipment
- Prepare, cook, and serve a healthy dinner, and cleanup afterward
- Socialize with our guests during the evening
- Sleep overnight with our guests, and set out breakfast

For more information, contact Jenika Burden, jenikaburden@gmail.com, 231-883-8422.

Organizational Opportunities



THE BILL PAYER aids the stewardship of the parish by paying the bills in a timely and accurate manner. Caring for the distribution of our offerings makes this a special ministry.

The Bill Payer...

- Works in the office once a week to review the bills and prepare the checks
- Signs the checks and mails them
- Is honest, accurate, and discrete
- Uses QuickBooks software at church; training provided

This work is coordinated with the bookkeeper, and bills are usually paid on Thursdays after the bookkeeper's review.

To learn more about this ministry, contact Ann Hackett, ahackett@gracetc.org, 231-947-2330.



THE INTERCESSOR helps the congregation draw nearer to God by leading the Prayers of the People at each Eucharistic service.

Need to know...

- Must be able to read aloud fluently and with expression
- Can be any age, from youth to oldster
- Only read the prayers. Someone else will write them

Sign-up sheets are available monthly. You decide when you would like to participate.

For more information, contact Kathy Will, kwill@gracetc.org, 231-881-7373.



LAY EUCHARIST MINISTERS assist our priests during the Eucharist.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs)...

- Attend a training session to become certified by the Diocese
- Serve as a member of the altar party during worship
- Help with reading lessons, leading the psalm or the Prayers of the People
- Serve as an assistant to the Presiding Minister during communion

A monthly sign-up list is provided. You choose when you would like to serve.

For additional details, contact Kathy Will, kwill@gracetc.org, 231-881-7373.



LECTORS participate in Worship by reading the Old and New Testaments lessons during worship each week.

Lectors...

- Must be able to read aloud fluently and with expression
- Lesson assignments are emailed each week
- No age limit for participation

Sign-up sheets are available monthly. You decide when you would like to participate.

For more information, contact Kathy Will, kwill@gracetc.org, 231-881-7373.



USHERS invite us into the sanctuary and help to guide us through the service by handing out bulletins, showing us when and how to move, and being available when we need assistance. This is primarily a ministry of welcome during our worship services.

Ushers...

- Pass out bulletins at the beginning of services
- Welcome and seat visitors
- Pass the offering plates
- Assist with lining up for communion
- Are available to assist with opening doors, giving directions, etc.
- Can be paired with an experienced usher
- Use the monthly sign-up sheet to choose when to serve

For additional information, contact Kathy Will, kwill@gracetc.org, 231-881-7373.



COOKIE WALK is a parish-wide project. We hope that all families will support this project, by making and/or buying cookies, jams, jellies, candies, or special goodies.

Snowbirds can bake cookies to be left at the church to be frozen. Non-bakers are welcome to make a monetary donation.

In the past we have purchased cupboards for the Parish Hall and kitchen, small dishwasher and kitchen counter tops, table linens and silverware, and long tables and chairs. For community outreach we have purchased backpacks for schools and the baby pantry.

This year's proceeds will be given to three special projects:

- 50 percent to Grace Pantry
- 25 percent to Grace senior projects
- 25 percent to an international project to be determined

For additional information, call Maxcella Latimer 947-6376.



CROP HUNGER WALKS are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice around the world.

You can help!

- Sign up to participate
- Collect donations
- Walk as much of the four mile course as you are able
- Participate in planning sessions (optional)

The Traverse City CROP Walk typically takes place the second Sunday in October.

For more details, contact Ann Hackett, abhcedar@gmail.com, 231-620-1049.

Seasonal Outreach



THE GRACE ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

cleans up a piece of Traverse City to help make our city and our earth a better place to live and serve.

The State Adopt-A-Highway program has assigned Grace a busy section of road leading into Traverse City.

Twice a year numerous volunteers pick up litter and debris along this road.

The group meets spring and fall, usually on a Saturday morning.

For additional information, contact Chris Johnson,
bncjohnson@chartermi.net, 231-276-5041.



**GIVE BLOOD
SAVE LIFE**

THE BLOOD DRIVES COMMITTEE makes it easy for the Grace community to donate blood on the blood bus at Grace Church.

Committee members...

- Promote blood drives
- Schedule blood drives about every eight weeks
- Make reminder phone calls to previous donors
- Serve as host or hostess at blood drives
- Recruit new donors

Any questions? Would you like to save a life with your gift of blood? Become involved with organizing blood drives at Grace?

To learn more, contact Ann Montgomery, bmonty1@aol.com, 231-421-3260, or Nan Strickler, johnandnanstrick@aol.com, 231-640-2293.



WELCOMERS are an active group who live out the ethic of welcome by greeting all who enter the doors of Grace Episcopal Church at the 10 am Sunday services. Our goal is for all to

feel that Grace is a warm, friendly, and accessible church as they come to share their stories and seek God.

Welcomers...

- Greet with a warm smile at front and back doors at Sunday services
- Introduce ourselves to newcomers
- Stand at podium after church to encourage signing of the guest book
- Are available for questions and connections to ministries at Grace

Welcomers typically serve one Sunday each month, and use the monthly sign-up sheet to choose when to serve.

To get involved in the Welcomers ministry or for more information, contact Sue and Ken Kelly, kelps@acegroup.cc, 231-223-8876.

Music



CHANCEL CHOIR leads the musical liturgy at the Sunday 10 am worship service through the singing of hymns, psalms, anthems and settings of the Mass. We sing a variety of traditional choral literature as well as the *Anglican Psalter*. **Chancel Choir** has also led Choral Evensong services during the year.

Chancel Choir

- Sings anthems, chants, psalms, and musical settings of the liturgy
- Leads 10 am worship
- Invites new singers to join—no experience necessary!

Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm

To learn more, contact Kathy Will, kwill@gracetc.org, 231-881-7373.



GRACE HARMONY praises God with music and inspires congregational singing.

All levels of musical experience are welcome, from beginner to advanced.

We all share a passion for worship and for lifting others up through song.

We...

- Gather weekly for prayer, fellowship, laughter, and song practice
- Sing bimonthly at the 10 am Sunday worship

Grace Harmony meets for weekly practice on Mondays at 5:30 pm.

For more information, contact Kathryn Christian
kbchristian@earthlink.net or call 231-557-3039.



traditions.

We...

- Sing and have fun!
- Study music through *Voice for Life* Curriculum
- Rehearse weekly
- Participate in worship twice each month
- Pray together

The group meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

To learn more, contact Kathy Will, kwill@gracetc.org, 231-881-7373.



JUBILEE HOUSE is an outreach ministry to those persons who have housing challenges in the Traverse City community. This ministry provides a place for showers, laundry, storage facilities, a place to hang out and connect with others, clothing, mail pick-up, paper pantry, computer, cellphone plug-ins, and snacks.

We provide a safe, clean place for folks to get clean, get a bite of food, and a place for folks to just hang out. All the while we provide help in meeting their challenges in housing and employment.

Jubilee House is located at 325 Washington St., next door to Grace Church. It is open Monday through Friday 10 am to 2 pm, with extended hours in extreme cold weather.

To learn more, contact Connie Riopelle, conandsu@charter.net, 231-620-2270, or John Singer, johnsinger6@gmail.com, 231-409-6332.



THE PERSONAL HYGIENE PANTRY helps the underemployed and homeless acquire personal items that can't be purchased with their bridge cards. The pantry is restocked monthly with funds from Love, Inc., donations from Grace parishioners, and others with a heartfelt desire to help people in need.

We have a monthly reverse offering at Grace which will take on a new look in the near future.

The Pantry stocks items such as toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish detergent, all purpose cleaner, scouring powder, shampoo, razor blades, shave cream, tooth brushes and paste, dental floss, sanitary napkins and tampons.

Want to learn more or help with our ministry? Contact Nan Strickler, johnandnanstrick@aol.com, 231-640-2293.



THE GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOOD PANTRY serves the needy with dignity and respect in the Traverse City area. We provide basic food for the hungry and aid those with inadequate resources to respond to emergencies in their lives.

Our volunteers...

- Work at the Food Pantry on Mondays and Fridays from 11:30 am until 2 pm, usually one shift per month.
- Guide the clients through the pantry as they make their choices according to the grocery list for the appropriate family size
- Stock the food pantry after deliveries
- Procure food from food drives and/or work on those food drives

To learn more about this vital ministry, contact Nancy Johnson, Johns526@msu.edu, 231-668-9633 or 231-620-7408.



FRIDAY LUNCH TEAMS prepare and serve an appetizing and nourishing meal free of charge for those who are in need. We also aim to provide a safe, friendly, and welcoming atmosphere of camaraderie for our guests.

Friday lunch teams...

- Plan the menu
- Shop for the meal using outreach budget for purchase
- Prepare food on Friday morning
- Serve food at noon
- Clear dishes, run the dishwasher and leave a clean kitchen and parish hall

Each team serves once a month or four times a year (for months with a fifth Friday).

Interested in learning more or serving on this ministry? Each Friday's team has a different team leader; call the office, 947-2330, for contact information.

Children and Youth



THE NURSERY welcomes Grace Church's youngest members into the life of faith. **God loves us. We love each other. This is what we do in church.**

Each week, Nursery volunteers provide...

- A warm greeting
- Bible stories and songs
- “Dear God” prayers
- A snack and free play
- An escort back to their families at the Eucharist.

We meet weekly from 9:30 to 10:45 am. We welcome volunteers who would enjoy being alongside the children for one or more weekly sessions.

For more details, contact Catherine Turnbull, cturnbull@gracetc.org, 231-947-2330.



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL AND GODLY PLAY VOLUNTEERS introduce children to, and provide practice in, the four functions of the Christian language system: sacred stories, parables, liturgical action, and contemplative silence.

Each week we...

- Prepare for worship and practice the Liturgy of the Word
- Collect an offering for children in need
- Share a sacred story and ask wondering questions
- Pray for each other
- Engage in an art response

We meet on Sundays from 9:45 to 10:45 am.

To learn more, contact Catherine Turnbull, cturnbull@gracetc.org, 231-947-2330.



THE YOUTH GROUPS—a middle school youth group and a high school youth group—have leaders who guide them through the course of adolescence: to impart a deep sense of our worth

in the eyes of God; to provide a place where youth begin to discover their authentic selves; where youth learn the language and practice of faith; and explore what it means to be an Episcopal Christian in a complex world.

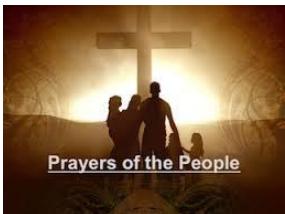
Youth groups...

- Learn about and participate in Grace Church's core ministries
- Serve others as families and individuals, locally and afar
- Study the Bible and use the Book of Common Prayer
- Learn about and prepare for confirmation

We meet weekly, on Sundays, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

To learn more, contact Catherine Turnbull, cturnbull@gracetc.org, 231-947-2330.

Worship Preparation



THE POP GROUP is a ministry of lay people who compose the Prayers of the People for our worship services. We write the prayers individually on a weekly rotation.

Our goals are to...

- Compose prayers that are an authentic expression of the concerns of the community
- Make intercessory prayer accessible to all who gather in the name of Christ
- Engage each worshiper with heart, mind, and soul

The group meets quarterly for sharing, learning, and encouragement.

To learn more, contact Barbara Klugh, litlrvr@chartermi.net, 231-933-9708.



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION offers professional support for deepening and exploring one's spiritual life and relationship with God.

What you can expect...

Spiritual guidance and companionship that may include: reflection upon one's prayer life; sharing of one's spiritual journey, Scripture support, discernment assistance.

Sessions are by appointment.

For more information, contact Rosemary Hagan, D.Min., leelanaurose@gmail.com, 231-313-9915, or

Ellen Schrader, schrader@torchlake.com, 231-933-4006.



STEPHEN MINISTRY is a one-to-one lay caring ministry that provides confidential Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. Stephen ministers are trained to be good listeners and provide Christian based support.

Stephen Ministers...

- Train extensively to insure conversations that provide Christian support
- Meet with care receivers once per week as long as needed
- Refresh themselves through twice-monthly meetings to compare experiences and to learn from each other

To learn more, contact Bill Montgomery at bmonty5@gmail.com, 972-754-4167.



LAY PASTORAL VISITORS provide a ministry of care, prayer, and a godly presence for people who are admitted into our regional hospitals and care centers.

Pastoral visitors...

- Volunteer for a set time each week to their assigned ministry location
- Honor the privacy of the people and observe facility rules
- Listen, pray, and give comfort
- Can provide the Sacrament of Holy Communion if he or she is also a Eucharistic visitor
- Communicate with the Associate Rector regarding pastoral needs

The Pastoral Team meets on the last Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm as needed.

For further information, contact The Rev. Katheryn M. King, Associate Rector, prkatheryn@gmail.com, 231-313-7235.



THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY creates an outward expression of God's great care and love. We begin each shawl with a prayer; as we knit, our prayers are woven into the stitches of the shawl.

In addition to the prayers of the knitter, each shawl is blessed at one of our church services. Some of us knit and pray at home in our spare time; others gather each month for a light lunch and a time of knitting and sharing.

We not only knit prayer shawls, but also critter blankets, baby caps for the hospital, hats and scarves for the Seaman Ministry, lap blankets for the Pavilions, and cancer hats.

We welcome people who enjoy knitting, crocheting, weaving and sewing, of any age and any gender. Please join us!

For more information, call Maxcella Latimer at 947-6375.



ST. ANNE'S ALTAR GUILD supports the clergy behind the scenes during all Eucharistic services as well as funerals, weddings, and baptisms. We serve God at the altar through our clergy support.

St. Anne's Altar Guild duties include...

- Altar set-up and clean-up
- Care of linens and candles
- Providing communion bread
- Assisting clergy and families at funerals, weddings, and baptisms
- Maintaining Lay Eucharistic Visitor kits for pastoral visits

Members meet four or five times a year.

For more details, contact Kay Rickard, rickardtrav@gmail.com, 231-947-4766, or Sue Bush, bushds@gmail.com, 231-995-0013.



THE WEDDING GUILD ministers to our brides and grooms and their families. We extend hospitality and facilitate the logistics of the wedding rehearsals and ceremonies in a friendly, organized, and helpful manner.

Responsibilities include...

- Pre-wedding meeting with the prospective bride and groom to discuss wedding guidelines
- Conduct the wedding rehearsal with all members of the wedding party
- Assist with necessary preparations before the wedding
- Assist with post wedding clean-up and reassembly of the church

We would love to have you assist with this ministry. For more information, please contact Wendy Stackable, wlsuire@yahoo.com, 231-633-8678.



THE WORSHIP PLANNING COMMITTEE helps the Rector and the Worship Coordinator plan and tweak worship services by providing feedback and suggestions for deeper worship. Anyone in the congregation is invited to attend.

We...

- Plan seasonal changes to our liturgy
- Look at the big picture – the space, movement, visuals, and flow
- Make suggestions to fine-tune and enhance our worship
- Explore changes to worship and how them might affect our parish
- Remain true to our Episcopal roots

The group meets on the Third Sunday of the month after the 10 am service in LL5.

For more information, contact Kathy Will, kwill@gracetc.org, 231-881-7373.

Prayer



THE CENTERING PRAYER COMMUNITY gathers to sit in silence; to “Be still and know that I am God.” *Psalm 48*

How we practice...

- We sit in silence for 25 minutes, followed by Lectio Divina
- We share how the Holy Spirit spoke to us (individually) in the reading of scripture
- We close with ‘slowly’ praying The Lord’s Prayer

The community gathers every Wednesday 11 am -12 noon in the LL Meditation room.

For more details, contact Marilyn Dressel, mj.dressel@charter.net, 231-929-2575.



THE EPISCOPAL PEACE FELLOWSHIP (EPF) OF GRACE CHURCH is a chapter of the National EPF connecting all who seek a deliberate response to injustice and violence. The EPF is committed to praying, studying, and taking action for peace and justice in our church, our community, and the world. Grace Church is a registered Peace Partner Congregation with the National EPF.

We work on a variety of projects:

- Sponsor an annual interfaith peace service for the Traverse City community
- Organize parish book studies on social justice issues
- Represent EPF on local peace and justice committees
- Serve as the sole EPF chapter in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in Jubilee House.

To learn more, contact Betsy Davidson, bdavson@charter.net, or 231-313-6013.



LAY EUCHARIST VISITORS (LEV) bring the Sacrament of Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend worship services.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors...

- Are licensed by the Diocese of Western Michigan; they complete and comply with the guidelines for Safeguarding God’s People
- Are supervised by clergy of the Parish
- Adapt to new or unusual situations, feel comfortable in a hospital, home, or care facility, and are good listeners

The group meets on the last Thursday of the month, 5:30 -7 pm in the Parish Hall as needed.

For more details, contact The Rev. Katheryn M King, prkatheryn@gmail.com, 231-313-7235.

SERVE

Caring Ministries



THE GRACE CHURCH COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL

GARDEN offers the opportunity for parishioners' ashes and those of their loved ones to repose inside the sanctuary in a "niche" in the wall of the Columbarium.

Ashes may also be interred in the Grace Memorial Garden for those who wish to bury the remains in the earth within the parish grounds.

The Columbarium Curator meets with those seeking burial to explain the options, show the sites (Columbarium and Garden) and answer questions that relate to rules and policies.

If you are interested in interment at Grace Church, have any questions, or wish to visit with our Curator, please contact the church office or the current Curator, Jeff Wescott, wescottj@interlochen.org or 231-932-7357 (h), 231-276-4716 (w).



THE LIVING ON GRIEF GROUP provides grief support to all who have suffered a loss. Grief and loss topics are addressed as they arrive. The focus is to offer support, caring, and companioning.

What is offered...

- Time for silence and reflection
- Check-in with self and others on issues arising
- Present to self and each other and to God
- Place of compassion, education, and companioning

The group meets on the second Monday of each month from noon to 1 pm in the Sanctuary.

To learn more, contact Kathryn Holl, kholl@hom.org, 231-929-1557.



THE ADVENT QUIET MORNING is offered by the Centering Prayer Community and invites the Grace family and the wider community to prepare for a holy Advent on Saturday, December 5.

The community will gather in silence, followed by the reading of an Advent Gospel and a short meditation. Grace Harmony will lead Taize singing throughout the morning.

The quiet morning will be held on Saturday, December 5, from 10 am to 11:15 am in the Grace Church sanctuary.

For more information, contact Marilyn Dressel, mj.dressel@charter.net, 231-929-2575.



THE CENTERING PRAYER QUIET DAY of silence will be held at Waldheim Retreat House on Old Mission Peninsula on November 4.

This is a day with several options...

- Holy Eucharist
- Centering prayer
- Guided meditation
- Free time to walk in the woods.

We gather in Grace Church's parking lot at 8:30 am with a brown bag lunch, beverage, and anything else you may wish to bring: a book to read, knitting, journal, even your bedroom slippers.

To learn more, contact Marilyn Dressel, mj.dressel@charter.net, 231-929-2575.



THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING extends Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world.

Daughters...

- Pray
- Serve
- Make Jesus known to others (Evangelize)

The group meets on the second Saturday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon in the Parish Hall.

To learn more, contact Penny Campo-Pierce, pcampopierce@charter.net, 231-946-1224.

STUDY Learning



ADULT BIBLE STUDY enables disciples at Grace to gain familiarity and a level of comfort in reading the Bible so that it will inform their faith, worship, service, and relationship with God.

Each year the group chooses a reading plan as a way to read, explore, and discuss the Bible during the year. Newcomers are welcome to join the group at any time.

Classes meet on Sundays between the services in the Parish Hall. Other adult education classes regularly meet on Wednesday evenings. Watch Grace Life or the website to see additional opportunities.

For more information, contact Dave Eitland, deitland@gmail.com, 231-360-1774.



THE DREAM GROUP is grounded in Christian principles and Jungian psychology. Dream work is a valid and powerful tool that helps to deepen our spiritual life. It brings to our conscious mind not only our shadow aspects, but also unrecognized good aspects that are buried in our unconscious.

Some aspects of our work...

- Share dreams in a safe environment
- Honor confidentiality
- Receive divine guidance from dreams
- Gain insight into our unconscious

We meet every other Tuesday in LL3, 4-6 pm, January-May and September-November.

For more information, contact Sue Brightheart, suebrightheart@gmail.com, 231-943-2625.



THE GRACE CHURCH LIBRARY is located in the Parish Hall building, lower level, room LL2. We have a very readable collection of books in our library.

You can read for spiritual enlightenment, to gain knowledge about any number of topics, or even read a fiction book for fun.

Checkout is easy. Just write your name and date on the card at the back of the book and leave it in the box on the cart. You can keep the book as long as you need to, but please return it so others can enjoy it also.

New acquisitions can be found on the cart in the stairwell or on the cart in the library.

Volunteers are welcome and don't need any special skills. A brief training will have you ready for duty.

For more details, contact Penny Campo-Pierce, pcampopierce@charter.net, 231-946-1224.